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2. DR. TAN, NATIONAL SCIENCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, TO WHOM COPY OF NOTE WAS SENT, TELEPHONED NOVEMBER 22 STATING THAT PHILIPPINES WOULD LIKE TO PLACE TWO SCIENTISTS ON BOARD. SINCE TRAVEL PAPERS OF SCIENTISTS COULD NOT BE PREPARED PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE OF THOMAS WASHINGTON

ON NOREMBER 26, SHE SUGGESTED RENDEJVOUS AT BALABAC STRAITS. PHILIPPINE NAVY HAS STATION ON BALABAC ISLA AND WOULD APPARENTLY FACILITATE PICKUP. SCIENTISTS WOULD BE GLAD TO RIDE TO GUAM IF THOMAS WASHINGTON PLANS WORK ALONG EAST OR WEST COAST OF LUZON; OTHERWISE WOULD PREFER DEBARK AT PHILIPPINE PORT FOLLOWING CONCLUSION

OF SULU SEAS WORK. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ORDER TO HELP ARRANGE PICK UP, WOULD APPRECIATE A) ITINERARY OF VESSEL IN PHILIPPINE AREA; B) CONFIRMATION OF BALABAC RENDEZVOUS TOGETHER WITH PROPOSED TIME AND EXACT SITE OF PICK UP; C) PROPOSED DROPOFF POINT; D) MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH VESSEL AFTER DEPARTURE FROM SINGAPORE.

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3. EMBASSY ADVISED THAT COSTS OF JOINING AND DEPARTING SHIP WOULD BE AT GOP EXPENSE. IF SHIPBOARD COSTS ARE INVOLVED, ADVISE IMMEDIATELY.
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